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William L. Prosser

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I present to you, Sir, William Lloyd Prosser, eminent scholar and teacher, who exemplifies the tradition of excellence in American legal education. During an outstanding career of forty years he has graced the faculties of four law schools: Minnesota, Harvard, University of California, Berkeley, where he was dean for several years, and now the Hastings College of Law, an academic grove to which the greats are summoned in the full glow of post-retirement distinction. As a scholar his name is known and respected throughout the common law world and forever associated with the law of torts in which he is the author of a masterly textbook and the draftsman of a profoundly influential restatement. As a teacher he has made this scholarship vivid and delightful to generations of students, exhibiting in its highest development the brilliant classroom technique for which American legal education is justly renowned. He wears all this distinction casually and lightheartedly, delighting in a variety of pastimes, including the composition of humorous verse, which not only divert him but give endless pleasure to his admiring colleagues. We salute him for the industry, skill and humanity which he has brought to the expression of his great gifts and present him to you, Mr. Treasurer, that you may confer upon him our highest academic award.